

ican Genetic Association, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Züchtungskunde, Société de morphologie de Paris, etc.

As to his personality, it should be mentioned that he was not only an eminent scientific investigator and a brilliant lecturer, but also an exceptional man, well known for his inexhaustible energy, kindness and responsiveness to the needs of all those who surrounded him. His death was a heavy blow to every one who knew him closely and a great loss for science.

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MEMORIALS

A MEMORIAL meeting in honor of the late Dr. Henry Leffmann was held in the auditorium of the Wagner Free Institute of Science on January 16, with addresses by Dr. Wilmer Krusen, president of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science; Dr. Howard McClenahan, president of the Franklin Institute, and Dr. Samuel T. Wagner, Jr., treasurer of the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

AN oil painting of Graham Bell, by Mr. W. W. Russell, R.A., was presented to the British Institution of Electrical Engineers by Sir Hugo Hirst on January 8.

THE council of the senate of the University of Cambridge has appointed the following committee to arrange for the celebration of the centenary of James Clerk Maxwell: The Vice-Chancellor, Sir J. J. Thomson; Mr. W. Spens, master of Corpus Christi College; Sir Joseph Larmor, Sir Ernest Rutherford, Dr. C. D. Broad, Professor H. F. Newall, Sir Arthur Eddington, Professor C. T. R. Wilson, Professor F. J. M. Stratton, Dr. J. Chadwick, Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, and Sir James Jeans.

THE centenary of the birth of the celebrated syphilologist Alfred Fournier will be celebrated on May 12, 1932, under the presidency of Dr. Lucien Hudelo, president of honor of the French Society of Dermatology and Syphilography. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Dr. Sicard de Plauzoles, 44, Rue de Lisbonne, Paris, VIII^e.

ON the occasion of the opening of the Pasteur pa-

vilion of the Instituto Bacteriológico of the National Department of Hygiene of Buenos Aires, which pavilion is devoted to studies of plague and mycology, a plaque was unveiled in honor of Pasteur. The president and ministers of the government of Argentina and representatives of the principal medical societies were present. The diplomatic representative of France, and Drs. C. Nicole, G. Araoz Alfaro and Ponce de Leon, made addresses.

RECENT DEATHS

DR. W. A. LIPPINCOTT, professor of poultry husbandry at the University of California since 1923, has died at the age of forty-nine years.

THE death at the age of fifty-six years is announced of Dr. Frederick J. Pritchard, senior plant physiologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

EDGAR STEINER THOMSON, professor of ophthalmology at the Manhattan Post-Graduate School of Ophthalmology, Otology and Laryngology and at the New York Polyclinic Graduate Medical School from 1912 to 1917, has died at the age of fifty-nine years.

DR. WILLIAM A. JONES, professor of mental and nervous diseases for ten years, 1909 to 1919, at the University of Minnesota, and president of the State Board of Health from 1905 to 1917, has died at the age of seventy-one years.

DR. FELIX LÖHNIS, head of the laboratory of agricultural bacteriology at the University of Leipzig, has died at the age of fifty-seven years. Dr. Löhnis was in 1914 appointed soil bacteriologist in the U. S. Department of Agriculture and in 1923 was made senior bacteriologist in charge of the office of soil bacteriology investigations in the Bureau of Plant Industry. He resigned in 1925 to go to Leipzig.

Nature records the death of Mr. T. F. Bourdillon, formerly conservator of forests, Travancore, on December 19, aged eighty-one years, and of Professor Pierre Termier, inspector-general of mines and director of the service de la carte géologique, who was elected in 1909 a member of the Section of Mineralogy of the Paris Academy of Sciences, aged seventy-one years.

DR. A. O. THOMAS, professor of paleontology in the University of Iowa, died on January 13 at the age of fifty-four years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

EXHIBITION OF THE PHYSICAL AND OPTICAL SOCIETIES IN LONDON

THE twenty-first annual exhibition of the Physical Society and the Optical Society was opened by Sir Arthur Eddington at the Imperial College of Science,

South Kensington, on January 6. According to the account in the *London Times* the exhibition included a great variety of electrical, optical and other physical apparatus, much of it on view for the first time. The first evening discourse was delivered by Mr. E.